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1. It was learned in January 1951 that a VP Bereitschaft of about 2,500 police occupied about two-thirds of the 57 buildings of the Volkspolizei installation in Quedlinburg-Quarmbeck. The unit, which was reorganized at the beginning of 1951, consisted of five Kommandos, with three Abteilungen to a Kommando, and three Gruppen to an Abteilung. The Kommandos were of different branches of service, including infantry, AT artillery, tank, AAA and artillery. There allegedly were plans to activate two infantry Kommandos and to reduce the AT artillery Kommando to an AT artillery Abteilung.

2. Officers of the VP Bereitschaft included VP Kommandeur Neudel, (fmu), commanding officer, who stayed in the U.S.S.R. from 1948 to 1950; VP Rat Neitsch, (fmu), PK officer, who attended a course of instruction in the U.S.S.R. in 1949 und 1950; VP Rat Becker, (fmu), administrative officer; VP Oberkommissar Mueller, (fmu), officer in charge of classified material; VP Rat Itzekill, (fmu), commanding officer of 1st Kommando, an ex-army major; and VP Rat Jakobs, PK officer of 1st Kommando. *

3. The unit was equipped only with infantry weapons, including medium mortars. Garage-like buildings for sheltering heavy weapons were under construction. Instructors *** the AAA Kommando had arrived from the VP school in Weissenfels and instructors for the tank Kommando from the VP school in Apolda. **

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* *[Redacted]* Comment: Two other sources give Kommandeur Waniek (or Warnick) as CO of the new Bereitschaft and Oberrat Bork (or Borg) as the chief of staff.

** *[Redacted]* Comment: The new VP Bereitschaft in Quedlinburg-Quarmbeck was activated largely from personnel of the former 4th VP Bereitschaft (Inf) in Quedlinburg. Its cover designation is 210/14.

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